

GRIND OF LAWS

PROPRIATION FOR STATE UNIVERSITY AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS CONSIDERED

IN THE SENATE

Property of Railroads Put Under the Supervision of the Railroad Commission

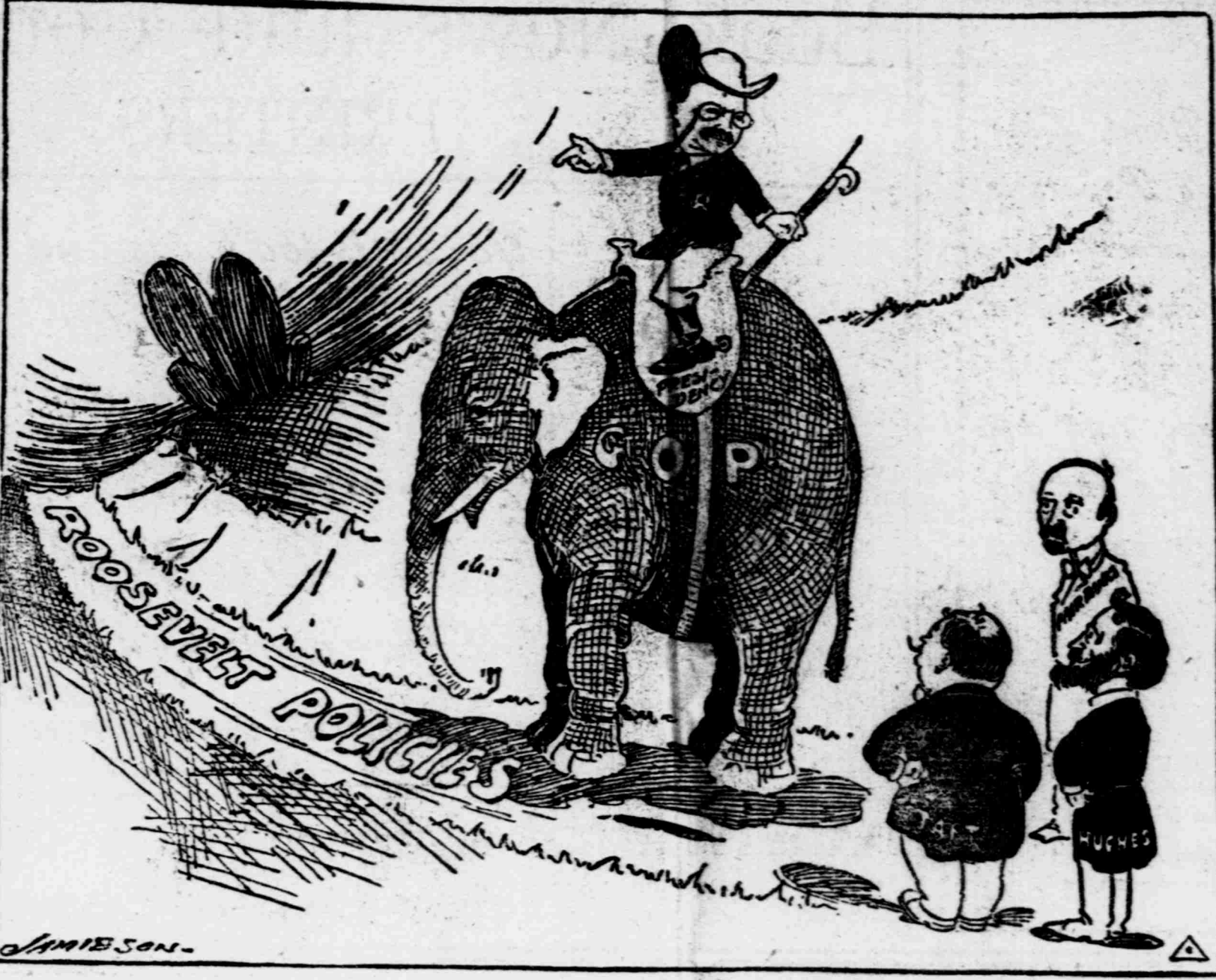
Tallahassee, May 18.—Another day of legislative business has come and gone, and the members of both senate and house are partially relieved of a heavy case of legislative indigestion, the tangible results yesterday being a negative rather than a positive nature—in short the day was more by what was incident than by what was accomplished.

What is near to the pocket book of the state is the heart, however, and the public at large will be interested to learn that the house of representatives, under waiver of rules, yesterday afternoon passed the bill submitted by the joint committee, which provided for the State Institutions of Learning. Mr. Willis, of Levy, chairman, appropriating the sum of \$1,111.43, which includes an unexpended balance now on hand of \$12,000 for the benefit of the institutions provided for under the Buckman law, a measure estimated at a little less than sacred by the present house at any rate. As presented the bill provided that the appropriation should be expended at the discretion of the state board of control, but an amendment was adopted, by Mr. Rowe, of Madison, providing that \$150,000 for the state university; \$150,000 for the Florida Agricultural College; \$80,000 for the Florida School for Blind, Deaf and Dumb, and \$100,000 for the Colored Normal, should be expended in buildings, and the remainder at the discretion of the board for the maintenance of the institutions. The appropriations for buildings follow the idea of the bill as stated in their report to the governor, the majority of the members thinking it best that as large an amount as half a million dollars should not be left entirely to the discretion of the board, however much confidence this legislature might have in the gentlemen of the board personally.

An amendment by Mr. Kirkland, of Leon, was laid on the table on motion of Mr. Matthews, of Marion, regarding the appropriation for the university buildings to \$100,000, and other bills were ruled out on a vote of order. Mr. Kirkland said he was one of the first supporters of the Buckman law, and he did not think it was more than half a million years ago when the bill was passed that more than half a million dollars would be asked now. Mr. Kirkland, of Taylor, who was in the senate in 1905, said the bill would have passed that body, two years ago had it been thought such an appropriation would be asked now. He also indulged in remarks not entirely complimentary to higher education of the present day. He thought it was a most important and urgent to appropriate \$100,000 of the money of the people for the benefit of not more than ten per cent. of students who go through the high schools. Mr. Kirkland also expressed his opinion that the people of Florida sometimes went to the senate on the subject. The subject is in order in the senate next day.

The incident of the morning session of the house was the indefinite postponement of Mr. Willis' (of Levy) bill to abolish capital punishment, the measure receiving what it sought to achieve. Mr. Willis made a good speech from a humanitarian standpoint, and he was on the state as on the death penalty as a preventive measure. He read extensively from an article on the subject by Howard Whitlock, of Cincinnati, Ohio, of Alachua, for several

PREPARING FOR 1908.



The President: "No matter who drives, so long as you keep him on this road." —Jamieson in Pittsburg Dispatch.

DECLAMATION CONTEST

SUWANNEE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS CONTEST FOR MEDALS LAST NIGHT

LARGE AUDIENCE PRESENT

The Auditorium Was Crowded With an Audience Who Were Delighted With the Evening's Program

An audience of some four or five hundred greeted the contestants for the Helvenston and Hillman medals last night at the Auditorium. These medals are offered by Prof. B. W. Helvenston and Capt. W. J. Hillman; one for the girls, and one for the boys, and are awarded to the one having the best declamation judged from all points.

Each of those taking part last night have been practicing for some time with great determination to be the winner. The recitations and declamations were all very good. Some were fortunate in choosing their speeches, having taken pieces which they act as well as evidence their knowledge of oratory.

The length of the program will not admit of individual mention of each number, but some were so very good as to come in for special mention.

"Kentucky Philosophy" was "elucidated" by Haffye Stripling in a telling way. Sara Surasky had a very good piece, which came in for favorite comment as did also Blanche Horne. Little J. B. Evans came in for a round of applause, and Drew Groover's "A Lullaby" came very near being one of the best on the program. As the judges do not render their decision until Monday night, it would hardly be wise to attempt to pick out the winner but from the standpoint of a declamation, "The Death of Benedict Arnold," by Clyde Caswell, was easily the best delivered piece which the boys have to their credit. As to the girls, well, they were all just lovely and it is hard to say which of theirs were best on account of so many good ones. Lucy Hopson's "A Missionary's Visit," certainly cannot fall short of a prize for it was a "prize winner." "When Jack Comes Late," by Miss Maggie Holmes, received very favorable comment, also Loiselle Brown's nicely spoken piece, "The Relenting Mob."

Every fond parent there was justly proud of their respective child's part and the entire audience appreciated the program in full, but the especial pride of the audience as a

STORMY TIME IN LEGISLATURE.

Mr. MacWilliams Charges Certain Members With Combining Against Him.

Tallahassee, May 18.—A stormy session of the house this morning has awakened that body. Mr. MacWilliams charged that he had been reliably informed a majority of the house members had been caucusing for the purpose of defeating measures favored by himself. Watson, Wartman, Griggs, Clark of Jefferson and Senators Harris and Buckman demanded source of information and denounced the report as malicious and an unqualified lie. Members of caucus admitted holding meetings, but declare measures and not individuals were discussed. Mr. MacWilliams said he was glad to find the rumor to be untrue, as he had the highest regard for every member of the house. Mr. MacWilliams, in his speech, called the caucus "the Before Day Club." The speaker found trouble in maintaining order.

The vote on the Knight immigration bill was reconsidered this morning and advanced to third reading.

The senate, by unanimous vote, instructed the Internal Improvement Fund committee to continue the investigation until further notice. Bill giving railroad commission \$2,500 for expenses, including attorney's fees, passed.

On account illness of Senator Trammell, the state life insurance bill was postponed until Thursday.

Mr. Dudley, of Hillsboro, is still sick and probably will be unable to attend remainder of this session.

Both houses have adjourned until Monday.

Ella Moore, (col.) was arrested last night by sheriff Rickerson for selling liquor in Cypress City, and is in jail. Ella it is claimed, had bowled up the negroes of that suburb with "Maryland Rye" or some other vile substitute, and "hell broke loose in Cypress," until the sheriff put in an appearance and quelled the racket.

whole was Live Oak's Brass Quartet, composed of Messrs. Ed. Porter, G. S. Stephens, C. H. Blackburn and Geo. Porter, Jr., four of Live Oak's most popular young men, who are all accomplished musicians. Their music so kindly proffered for the occasion last night was thoroughly enjoyed and was a delightful surprise because few of the audience knew that Live Oak was so fortunate to possess this able home talent.

Professor Edwards and the faculty of the High Schools deserve much credit for their tireless energy in arranging this program and the able way it has been managed.

A full program of the Sunday services appears elsewhere in today's Democrat.

LIVE OAK'S COLLEGE

SPECIAL FEATURES ABRIDGED COURSES IN ALL THE DEPARTMENTS

THE POPULAR SUMMER SCHOOL

Receiving Liberal Patronage, and Deserves It—Secures Positions for All Graduates

Every young person in North Florida and South Georgia will be interested in the announcement of the Summer School to be conducted in the popular Southern Business College made in this issue of the Democrat. A special feature of this term will be the abridged courses of study in all the departments of the college. President Hatton and his faculty have thoroughly revised the different courses, and have made it possible for bright students to complete any course in from twelve to sixteen weeks at a mere nominal cost.

A number of young men and young women from various parts of the South have already enrolled for a summer course, and are progressing rapidly. The prospects for one of the large attendance in the history of the college is very bright. Professors Hatton and Stephens, and the popular shorthand and typewriter instructor, Miss Evelyn Blake, are kept busy answering inquiries from prospective students.

The graduates of this college have no trouble in securing profitable employment. During the past few days a number of them have gone from the college into good positions with regret very much to see them leave, leading business and professional firms, as bookkeepers, assistant bookkeepers and stenographers, which speaks volumes for the class of instruction received at the hands of a refined and experienced faculty of specialists.

The Democrat has watched with keen interest the rapid advancement of this business college, and it has no hesitancy in saying that the management, the class work and the general equipment of the various departments will favorably compare with the best commercial schools in the South. The instructors are careful to see that each student advances as rapidly as is consistent with thoroughness, and at every step his work is checked to avoid error making which is so common among a majority of the business schools in the country. The Southern Business College deserves and is receiving the patronage of the best families in this section of Florida, and we expect to see its attendance equal to the largest in the land. Excellent boarding arrangements have been made for all out of town students at very low rates by the month.

Among the students of the Southern Business College, who have recently secured positions, we note the following: Miss Cora Sperring, stenographer for Col. Hardee & Butler; Miss Lelia Strand, stenographer for J. B. Barton & Co.; J. T. Crawley, stenographer for Col. Horne, of Jasper; A. A. Kight, stenographer for E. R. Beckwith & Co., Tampa; C. C. Johnson, Ocala Furniture Co.; Miss Ida Platt, stenographer for W. Roberts & Son, Tampa; Perry B. Mosley, Seaboard Air Line freight department, Tampa; Jno. Westmoreland, bookkeeper Taylor Drug Co., Tampa; Yandell Brown, bookkeeper, City Pharmacy.

Commencement at Southern College.

Tonight these exercises begin at Sutherland, with an elocution and musical recital, followed by an art exhibition and reception.

Dr. W. K. Pinar, of Tampa, will preach the commencement sermon tomorrow.

Dr. Pasco left this morning to attend the exercises.

See my line of flat silverware. It will improve the looks of your table. I carry only the best grade. J. D. Radford. 17d2t-w2t